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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST LONDON CONFERENCE

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO INSURE THAT ARRANGE-MENTS NOW MADE IN LONDON TO SUPPORT SUBJECT CONFERENCE ARE UNDERSTOOD BY ALL RECIPIENTS. 2. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE THE AVAILABILITY OF SPACE HAS BEEN AT A PREMIUM FOR SOME MONTHS IN LONDON. THE CHURCHILL HOTEL HAS HOWEVER BEEN ABLE TO FURNISH THE HOTEL ROOMS REQUESTED AND WE BELIEVE SUFFICIENT OTHER

SPACE TO HANDLE ON A MINIMAL BASIS PRESS SUPPORT.

3. THERE FOLLOWS A BREAKDOWN OF SPACE AVAILABLE FOR SUPPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OTHER THAN SLEEPING ROOMS:

A. SMALL SUITE FOR PRINCIPAL CONFEREES. THIS IS A TWO ROOM SUITE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR WHERE THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WILL BE HOUSED. THE LARGER OF THE TWO ROOMS WILL BE CONVERTED TO A SITTING ROOM FACILITY TO ACCOMMODATE UP TO ABOUT 12 PARTICIPANTS COMFORTABLY. SECRET

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THE SMALLER ADJOINING ROOM CAN HANDLE ABOUT SIX PERSONS IN COMFORT.

B. LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM. THIS IS A ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE HOTEL, 24 FEET BY 45 FEET, WHICH CAN BE SET UP WITH CONFERENCE TABLE ACCOMMODATING 30 TO 40 PARTICIPANTS IF REQUIRED. (AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY.)

C. PRESS WORKING ROOM OR PRESS THEATER. THIS IS ALSO ON THE GROUND FLOOR; AND IN FACT IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF A PARTITION TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM DESCRIBED IN (B) ABOVE. THIS ROOM IS 33 FEET BY 45 FEET. IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY. IF

DESIRED, IT COULD BE SET UP EITHER AS A JOINT WORKING PRESS CENTER WITH WORK TABLES, TYPEWRITERS, TELEX, PHONES, ETC., OR AS A PRESS THEATER FOR JOINT PRESS BRIEFINGS. IF USED FOR THE LATTER PURPOSE, IT CAN ACCOMMODATE OVER 100 CHAIRS. IF USED AS A PRESS THEATER, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO HAVE A RAISED DAIS WITH MICROPHONES AND SPEAKERS AT ONE END OF THE ROOM. AN ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR PRESS BREIFINGS AND PRESS CON-FERENCES, INCLUDING JOINT ONES, IS THE EMBASSY CHANCERY WHICH CAN SEAT 182 ON A THEATER BASIS. IT HAS STAGE, SOUND SYSTEM, FACILITIES FOR RADIO/TV COVERAGE. WHILE IT IS A BETTER SITE FOR THIS PURPOSE THAN THE ROOM AT THE CHURCHILL, IT IS ABOUT A 10 MINUTE WALK OR DRIVE FROM HOTEL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ASAP AS TO WHETHER THIS ROOM SHOULD BE SET UP AS PRESS THEATER OR PRESS WORKING ROOM. IN PARTICULAR, IF IT IS TO BE USED FOR THIS LATTER PURPOSE, MUCH INSTALLATION WORK MUST BE DONE.

D. PRESS ROOM. AS REQUESTED IN STATE 167242, A PRESS ROOM WITH USUAL FACILITIES HAS BEEN SET UP FOR SECRET

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THE ACCOMPANYING PRESS OF THE SECRETARY. THIS IS A TWO ROOM SUITE IN AN UPPER FLOOR OF THE HOTEL.

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